UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

CHAD M.,

2:20-CV-13418-TGB-EAS

Plaintiff,

vs.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION (ECF NO. 30)

This matter is before the Court on Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford's September 11, 2023 Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 30), recommending that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (ECF No. 24) be **GRANTED.**

The Court has reviewed Judge Stafford's Report and Recommendation and finds that it is well-reasoned and supported by the applicable law. The law provides that either party may serve and file written objections "[w]ithin fourteen days after being served with a copy" of the report and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The district court will make a "de novo determination of those portions of the report ... to which objection is made." *Id*.

Where, as here, neither party has objected to the report, the district court is not obligated to independently review the record. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149-52 (1985). The Court will, therefore, accept Judge

Stafford's Report and Recommendation as its findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Judge Stafford's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 30) is **ACCEPTED** and **ADOPTED**. It is further **ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (ECF No. 24) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff's counsel shall be awarded attorney fees in the amount of \$14,391.00. Plaintiff's counsel shall reimburse Plaintiff the \$5,596.50 that she received under the EAJA.

SO ORDERED this 13th day of October, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

/s/Terrence G. Berg
TERRENCE G. BERG
United States District Judge